

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yasuyuki KAWAHARA et al.

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

(PCT/JP00/04838)

Filed: January 2, 2002

For: DICARBOXYLIC DIESTER, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,

AND REFRIGERATING MACHINE LUBRICATING OIL COMPRISING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

January 2, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(3) an alicyclic or aromatic adjacent dicarboxylic acid di(higher alkyl)ester represented by the formula (8)

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